

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A toothbrush comprising:

- (i) a brush head comprising a bristle bearing surface from which extend bristles and a resilient element extending upstanding from the bristle bearing surface, said resilient element comprising an elastomer into which is incorporated an abrasive, ~~characterized in that the abrasive~~ which is perlite; and
- (ii) a handle attached at one end thereof to the brush head.

Claim 2 (original): A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, in which the perlite is present from 0.01% to 50% v/v of the elastomer.

Claim 3 (original): A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, in which the perlite is present from 0.01% to 10% w/w of the elastomer.

Claim 4 (original): A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, in which the median particle diameter of the perlite is from 10 to 50 μm .

Claim 5 (original): A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, in which the resilient element is wall-like.

Claim 6 (original): A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, in which the elastomer comprises a styrene block copolymer.

Claim 7 (original): A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, in which the elastomer has a Shore A hardness from 5 to 80.

Claim 8 (original): A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1 in which the perlite has a bulk density of 100 to 180 g/l.

Claim 9 (original): A method of whitening the teeth by brushing with a toothbrush comprising a resilient element, said resilient element comprising an elastomer into which is incorporated an abrasive, characterized in that the abrasive is perlite.

Claim 10 (new): A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, in which the resilient element has a left and right surface juxtaposed to one another with a set of bristles flanking the left side and another set of bristles flanking the right side of the resilient element.

Claim 11 (new): A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, in which the bristles are located outermost on the brush head and the resilient element is located more centrally.

Claim 12 (new): A toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, in which bristles are longer than the resilient element thereby creating a recess in a center of the brush head.